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Biographic Sketch

NAME: General Xu (pronounced shoo) Huizi
(1776/1920/3320), People's Liberation Army (PLA).

POSITION: Deputy Chief of the General Staff (DCOGS), General Staff Department (GSD), since April 1985, and full member of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee (CC), since at least September 1985.

SIGNIFICANCE: Xu is the senior of three Deputy Chiefs of the General Staff

Xu is the functional equivalent of the J2/J3 on the U.S. Joint Staff and is generally considered equivalent to the U.S. Chief of Staff of the Army.

Xu has substantial combat and command experience.

As DCOGS, Xu has gained extensive diplomatic experience, travelling frequently outside of China. He made an Army Chief of Staff counterpart visit to the United States in October 1988.

In December 1993, he became the highest ranking PLA visitor to India since the Sino-Indian border conflict of 1962.

His recent official U.S. contacts were with Assistant Secretary of Defense Freeman in November 1993, with Undersecretary of Defense Wisner and ACJCS LtGen Ryan in March 1994, and USCINCPAC Admiral Larson in July 1994.

POLITICS: Xu is politically well connected. He is reportedly the son of Marshall Xu Xiangqian.

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PERSONAL DATA: Xu was born in 1932 in Shandong Province, according to the official Chinese biography. He speaks English, French, and Russian.

CAREER: Official Chinese publications state that Xu joined the PLA in 1948 (he would have been 16).

in Korea.

Xu was cited for merit in the civil war and later served

Xu was selected to be the DCOGS in April 1985. In September of the same year, he was elected a full member of the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee. General Xu was promoted to his current rank on 8 June 1994.

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